

# UNDERHILL PLANNING COMMISSION

Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ 10:00 AM

Deborah Rawson Library, 8 River Road, Jericho, VT 05465

## Minutes

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### Attendance

#### **Planning Commissioners:**

Commissioner Johnathan Drew, Chair  
Commissioner David Edson, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Carolyn Gregson  
Commissioner Lea Van Winkle  
Commissioner Sandy Wilmot

Penny Miller, Development Review Board  
Dan Steinbauer, Selectboard

#### **Others Present:**

Lee Whelan (147 Beartown Road)  
Peter Bennett (20 Edgewood Road)  
Kurt Johnson (45 Mt. Vista Road)  
Donna Johnson (45 Mt. Vista Road)

#### **Staff/Municipal Representatives:**

Andrew Strniste, Planning Director

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[9:55] Members of the Planning Commission started to convene at the Deborah Rawson Library.

[10:00] Chair J. Drew, called the meeting to order. Chair J. Drew provided a brief introduction and then welcomed members of the public to submit comments about various Town Plan-related sections: Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy. Overall discussion included:

- Transportation:
  - The tri-town alternative transportation committee and potential tasks the committee should pursue;
  - Collaboration with other Towns, which should include discussion about bus stops;
  - Improvements about the Jericho park and ride parking lot;
  - Whether the Energy Committee should be responsible for alternative modes of transportation research and implementation;
  - The feasibility and implementation of a potential bike path along River Road;
  - The exploration of a bike path along Vermont Route 15;
  - Pedestrian safety along all roads;
  - Connecting potential Underhill bike paths with bordering communities;
  - The Town Plan should include a statement that the Town collaborate with other Towns in this subject area;
  - Encouraging discussion between the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department and Development Review Board;
- Infrastructure:
  - Providing a community garden;
- Energy:
  - Discussion about net-metering;
  - Whether residents along Beartown Road could utilize the new solar installation along Beartown Road;
  - Composting; and
  - Inquiring about the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission energy goals;

- General Discussion:
  - There is a need for more housing in the Town of Underhill; and
  - A Town garden committee is needed to maintain current Town gardens and researching areas for community gardens.

[11:00] Commission adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Sandy Wilmot, Planning Commissioner

The minutes of the April 6, 2019 meeting were accepted this 22 day of August, 2019.



Johnathan Drew, Planning Commission Chair